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This is your guide to programs and events within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area—a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers from these partner agencies and organizations provide many avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

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*Over time, waves and wind
 create unique outcroppings at
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Questions?

To find out more info about a program or event: look for the acronym at the end of the program description (for example, CCD stands for Cold Creek Docents), then see PAGE 2 for the agency or organization to contact.

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Brewing Storm by Herbert Petermann
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2010
A Moment in Time Category Submission



Cedar Waxwing **

Loves winter berries, perches high in trees.



Western Meadowlark *

A bubbly song, flashes of yellow, flocks in the meadow.



Heermann's Gull *

Migrates north for winter, white and red turn charcoal.



White-crowned Sparrow **

Striped caps, rustling for seeds on ground and grass.



Ring-necked Duck **

Paddling on ponds, portraits in black and white.



Yellow-rumped Warbler *

Jumpy little bug-eaters, chirping in trees.

WINTER ON THE Wing



Find a bird walk in OUTDOORS
by looking for the bird icon!

Want more info?
Search "birds" at
www.nps.gov/samo

Hear these birds by visiting
The Cornell Lab of Ornithology
www.allaboutbirds.org

Every fall, millions of birds stream down the coast of California on their way to winter feeding grounds. Thousands spend the winter season in the Santa Monica Mountains and on the coastline. Perhaps 100 of these species can only be seen during the winter. After a few months, they will head back north to feed and nest. Their places will soon be taken by the next cycle of birds, just visiting for the summer.

The birds above are a few of our winter visitors. See if you can find them in a park, beach, or your own neighborhood! Bird walks will be offered almost every weekend. Experts take the lead – all you need is a pair of binoculars, and time enough to slow down, look, listen...and imagine.

Photographs courtesy of

*Don Desjardin (birdsdesjardin.com) & **John Emerson (pbase.com/jemerson)

January

SAT 1/1 10am

*Cheeseboro/
Palo Comado Canyons*
Resolution Hike Set a resolution for the New Year and get outdoors more often. Take a 6-mile hike to celebrate the beginning of 2011. 3.5hrs NPS

SUN 1/2 8am

Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 1/2 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 1/2 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toys festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

TUE 1/4 8:30am

*Cheeseboro/
Palo Comado Canyons*
Hike to Simi Hills 7-mile, 500' gain hike crosses ridge grasslands and then follows a streambed with multiple crossings into an oak woodland stopping at Sulfur Springs. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 4hrs SC

TUE 1/4 9:15am

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -
Newton Canyon Trailhead*
Moderate Hikers A 10-mile, roundtrip, 2200' gain hike from Newton Canyon through volcanic Zuma and Trancas Canyons. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 5hrs SC

SAT 1/8 8:30am

Circle X Ranch
Trail Work Help maintain the Grotto Trail. No experience necessary. Meet at Circle X Contact Station. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Long pants and sturdy shoes or boots required. RSVP: 805-985-3728. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/8 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Saddle Peak Hike Start in Hondo Canyon and lunch atop Saddle Peak on this 10-mile, roundtrip, 2600' gain hike on the Backbone Trail. Meet on Old Topanga Cyn Rd 0.5 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Very limited roadside parking. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-474-0349. 5hrs SC

SAT 1/8 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch*
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 1/8 9:30am

*Cheesebro/
Palo Comado Canyons*
Paint-Out Join artists of all medias and levels in capturing this hidden valley. Meet in parking lot and look for red flag. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 1/8 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Sepulveda Basin Wetland Ages 8-12 and their families learn why animals stay in wetlands and how wetlands contribute to ecological health. Bring binoculars (if possible), water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

SAT 1/8 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
Almost the First Saturday Start the New Year right with a walk-about to a chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD



DRAWING FROM NATURE: Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains with illustrations by children ages 5-12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html>

For more info on the Reserve: <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>



SAT 1/8 10am

Peter Strauss Ranch
Let's Move Outside Kids, get physically active in the great outdoors with a park ranger. The activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course. A prize will be awarded! Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SAT 1/8 2pm

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful and interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches, leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 1/9 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Birds of Winter Why do so many species settle here for winter? Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Meet at native plant garden. 2.5hrs NPS

Lizard Emerging from its Den by Herbert Petermann
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
2010 Animals Category Submission





Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
required).

Meet docent at the Gate
House for a one-hour tour.
FEE Required.

SUN 1/9 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Weed War is Habitat Restoration Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

SUN 1/9 9am

Will Rogers State Historic Park
Annual Historic Hike Palisades historian Randy Young will lead us from Will Rogers State Historic Park to Camp Josepho. Meet in Temescal Gateway Park and carpool to site. Info: 310-459-5931 or carol.leacock@verizon.net. 4hrs TCA



Free Cultural Program

Sunday, January 9
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Chumash artisan Tima Lotah will conduct a workshop on how to make Chumash tule dolls. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 1/9 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 1/9 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Malibu Nature Preserve
Loop Enjoy stunning views on this 7-mile, 1800' gain, moderate hike. Meet at the Preserve, 33905 Pacific Coast Hwy (\$2 parking donation). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, and lugsoles. Heavy rain cancels. 5hrs CWC

SUN 1/9 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Winter Nature Walk A naturalist-led hike through the meadow and oak groves in search of tracks, winter birds, and early wildflowers. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 1/9 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and tojons festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

TUE 1/11 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Stunt High Trailhead
Hike to Calabasas Peak Take a 4-mile, 950' gain hike to the top of one of the highest peaks in the mountains with scenic views, rock formations, flowers, and waterfalls (after rains). Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

THU 1/13 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Thursday Hikers Join an 8-mile, 1000' gain hike on Lookout Trail with great views, including Century Lake, Rock Pool, and Reagan picnic area. Meet at dirt parking lot at Cornell Rd and Mulholland Hwy. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 1/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Camping and Trail Work on Chamberlain Trail Improve a section of the Backbone Trail in Point Mugu State Park. Optional camping Friday and/or Saturday at a primitive backcountry campsite. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. RSVP: 818-406-1269. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/15 8:30am

Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Chaparral Chatter Explore the trails and byways of the valley's entrance into Topanga State Park. Winter rains bring a flush of green and early blooms add color to the canyon. Bring water, snack, and hat; boots recommended. RSVP: 818-881-3706. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 1/15 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Lost Oak Woodland Restoration Join volunteers to plant and care for trees. Receive training to become a volunteer supervisor. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear; gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 1/16 8:45am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 1/16 9am

Topanga State Park
Lemming Hike Join us as we continue the long tradition of this miserable (pleasant?) 7-mile hike with 1000' gain on fire roads and trails. Bring water and lunch. Car shuttle. Meet at end of Los Liones Dr (PCH north on Sunset Blvd 0.25 mile, left on Los Liones Dr). 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LECTURE SERIES



Global Weirding: Climate Change & the Future of Our National Parks

Saturday, January 15
NPS Visitor Center
2pm–3:30pm

Info: 805-370-2301

Join park ranger **Anthony Bevilacqua** as he gives an overview of our western national parks and what long-term data suggest about the future of those parks. He will also have solutions to offer.

SUN 1/16 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 1/16 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 1/16 10am

Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Nestling In For Winter Learn how nature adapts to cold weather in a pristine chaparral, grotto-studded canyon. Discover the ladybugs' hide-away! 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 1/16 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toyons festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD



Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series

January 18, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

This series continues the monthly tradition by offering quality entertainment. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn something new, meet your neighbors, support your community, and enjoy a cup of coffee with regional and national talents. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs SMMC/MRCA

WED 1/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Wednesday trail work scheduled based on need. Call 805-523-7250 for location. 6hrs SMMTC

WED 1/19 5pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at the upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

FRI 1/21 5pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nearly Full Moon Adventure Enjoy a brisk, moderately strenuous hike to the summit of Hastain Trail for some of the best views in Los Angeles. Park gates close promptly at 7:15pm. All ages welcome. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 1/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal Help remove invasive Spanish Broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required; rain cancels. Contact Jerry for info: 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

Cheeseboro Canyon
 by Tom Gamache
EXHIBIT OPENING JAN.16
 NPS Visitor Center

See JAN. 23 entry for exhibit and reception info

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
 Tuesdays at 9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's. Learn about Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports teams).

Reservations required:
 310-456-8432
 or 310-317-8379

SAT 1/22 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Trail Work Chaparral Trail Meet at lower parking lot. Get trail worker card from attendant. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. RSVP: 310-452-4443. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/22 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day Help plant, weed, and water. Bring snack water, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 1/22 9:30am

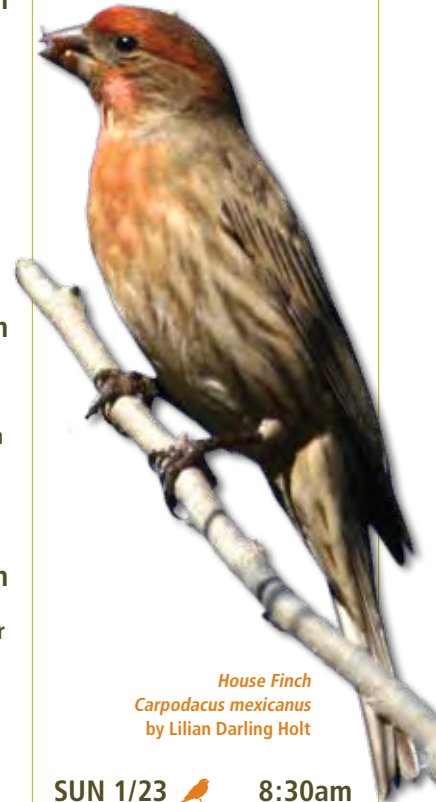
Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering five geologic formations and over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance, Mulholland Drive and Desmond Estates. 2hrs FORC

SAT 1/22 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From the Old West to the Far East Take a moderate 6-mile hike with a ranger through the geography of the imagination, including the old MASH site. Experience the drama of the Santa Monica Mountains landscape and discover how scenery inspires creativity and preservation. Bring water and a snack. Rain cancels. 3.5hrs NPS

SAT 1/22 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. 2hrs MRCA



House Finch
Carpodacus mexicanus
 by Lilian Darling Holt

SUN 1/23 8:30am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Treebirds We'll scan the tall trees and open fields for winter visitors. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 1/23 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to work site. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 1/23 9am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Morning Summit Hike Explore the natural surroundings and vistas of the canyon with naturalist Sheila on a fast-paced, moderate to difficult hike including a trek to the summit of the Hastain Trail. Bring water. 2.5hrs MRCA

SUN 1/23 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 1/23 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble around a coastal park with views of spring wildflowers, lapping waves, a sandy beach, and (hopefully) migrating whales and sea lions. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 1/23 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toys festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

SUN 1/23 2pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment Join naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, to learn the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, January 23

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

10am–12pm

Cahuilla/Apache artist **Billy Warsoldier** will discuss his influences and technique relative to abstract expressionist oil painting.

1pm–3pm

Exhibit Opening. Exhibit will run through April 25.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

TOM GAMACHE

Sunday, January 23

NPS Visitor Center

1:30pm – 3pm

*Exhibit will be on display
January 16 – March 15*

Info: 805-370-2301

ARTIST RECEPTION

Landscape photographer **Tom Gamache** will be available to answer questions and sign copies of his book, *Range on the Edge*. Refreshments will be served.

PHOTO WALK

Details about a free photo walk with the artist on Saturday, January 29 will be available at the reception.

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House. Group or individual training available. FEE. 12 hours.

Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents

310-456-8432

TUE 1/25 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Nature Trail Hike Take a 5-mile, 600' gain hike to watch for deer. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Meet in main parking lot. Info: 818-501-1225. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 1/25 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Hike to Paramount Ranch Join an 11-mile, 1400' gain hike through many movie sites. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 5hrs SC

TUE 1/25 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

SAT 1/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help maintain Boney Trail in Point Mugu State Park. Tools and gear provided. Full work day due to long hike to work area. Meet at Wendy Dr and Potrero Rd for shuttle (From 101 Hwy, take Wendy Rd south to Potrero Rd). Plan to be back at vehicles by 4pm. RSVP: 805-523-7250. 7.5hrs SMMTC

SAT 1/29 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 1/29 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek On this walk by the creek, learn about the wildlife, early inhabitants, and film history of this site. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 1/29 10am

Paramount Ranch
Creek Critters Wade with a ranger to discover insects and other animals living in Medea Creek. Learn what they can tell us about the creek's health. Meet in the Pavilion at Western Town before taking a short walk to the creek for a fun and educational hands-on (and feet-in) activity! Reservations recommended: 805-370-2348 x204. 2hrs NPS

SUN 1/30 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toys festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD



*Female Mallard in Flight
by Pete Padilla*

WED 2/2 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Plein Air Landscaping Painting All levels of landscape artists are welcome to join in creating art. Bring your materials and participate or just observe. Call Pat 805-583-8044. 3hrs TOPAW

SAT 2/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/5 9am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Backbone Trail Hike 10 miles roundtrip, 2200' gain by Newton Canyon Falls before entering the volcanic Zuma Canyon and lush Trancas Canyon. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Red flag alert or rain cancels. Info: 310-274-7987. 4hrs SC



MOUNTAIN BIKE VOLUNTEER & ORIENTATION DAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 9AM
 KING GILLETTE RANCH

Would you like to volunteer your time as a Mountain Bike or Mounted Volunteer in the Santa Monica Mountains? Bring your bike and helmet for a short ride after the orientation.

Info: www.mountainbikeunit.com

Sponsored by Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, California State Parks, and National Park Service



California Quail, *Callipepla californica*
 by Rebecca Hanson



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
 For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservations required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
 For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. FEE Required.

SAT 2/5 9am
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob on this walk as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 2/5 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 2/5 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic Franklin Canyon is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

EL PAÍS DE LAS MARAVILLAS DEL INVIERNO

Winter Wonderland Bilingual Hike

Rocky Oaks

Sábado, Febrero 5 10am
 Disfrute nuestros parques y que ofrecen durante la estación fresca del invierno. Acompañenos en una caminata bilingüe de un guía de guardabosques y aprende sobre el efecto local de la flora y de la fauna durante esta estación. Encuéntrenos en el estacionamiento principal. 1hr

Saturday, February 5 10am
 Enjoy our parks and what they have to offer during the cool winter season. Join us on a ranger-led bilingual hike and learn about the local flora and fauna's effect during this chilly season. Meet in the main parking lot. 1hr

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 2/5 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful and interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches, leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 2/5 5pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Silent Night Walk Ages 12 and up, join us on a contemplative walk. We will move quietly through the park listening for night rustlings and nocturnal creatures. Flashlight required. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 2/6 8am
Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 2/6 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 2/6 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 2/6 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Winter Nature Walk A naturalist-led hike through the meadow and oak groves in search of tracks, winter birds, and early wildflowers. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 2/6 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 2/6 1pm

Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toyons festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, February 6
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Kat High – Hupa artist, storyteller and astronomer will demonstrate how to make round reed baskets. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Help us introduce children to nature!
 Info: 310-457-7247

Charmlee Wilderness Park is owned and operated by the City of Malibu.

TUE 2/8 9:15am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Moderate Hikers/Saddle Peak Take a scenic 8-mile, 1800' gain hike to Saddle Peak for lunch. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

THU 2/10 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Thursday Hikers Hike 8 miles, 1200' gain from Trippet Ranch on Musch Trail and Eagle Rock Loop Trail. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 2/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/12 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day Help plant, weed, and water. Bring snack, water and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 2/12 9:30am

R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches - El Pescador Beach
Paint-Out Join artists of all medias and levels in capturing this popular surfing and fishing spot. Limited fee parking or park on PCH. Look for red flag in lot. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 2/12 2pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 2/12 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy Ages 8-12 will learn about the night sky with telescopes. A guest speaker will guide them through the stars, planets, nebulae, and constellations. Registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee: 3hrs MRT

SUN 2/13 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Winter Birds Watch the feeding flocks and individuals among the lawns and trees. Join us on a 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Meet at native plant garden. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 2/13 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Annual Beach Hike with Brunch at Paradise Cove Join a 4-mile loop hike to Paradise Cove. Meet in Temescal Gateway Park to carpool to Zuma Beach. Reservations required: carol.leacock@verizon.net or 310-459-5931. 5hrs TCA

SUN 2/13 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War is Habitat Restoration Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes Tools and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

SUN 2/13 1pm

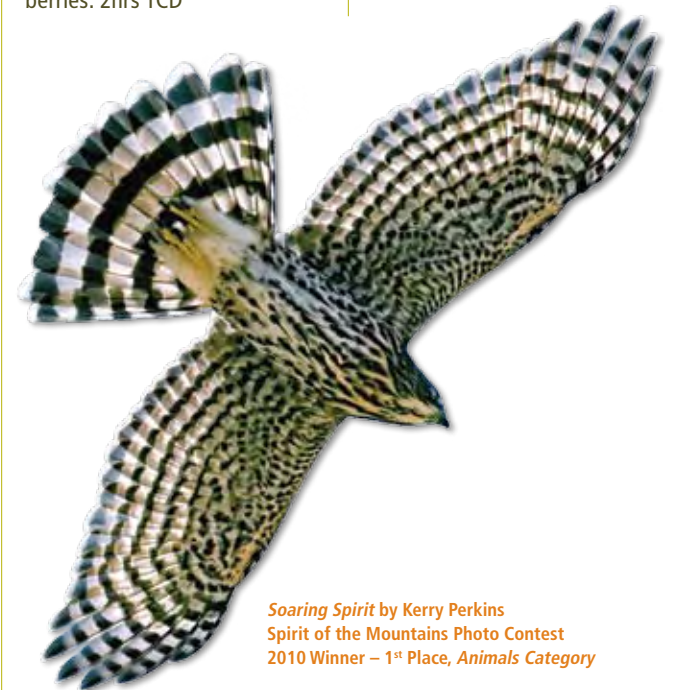
Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toyons festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/13 2pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Join naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, to learn the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 2/15 9:15am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers/Nicholas Flat Join the 8-mile, 1800' gain hike from Leo Carrillo Beach to Nicholas Flat and return to the private Nature Trust Preserve. Meet at Nature Trust parking lot (33905 PCH, Fee) for car shuttle. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC



Soaring Spirit by Kerry Perkins
 Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
 2010 Winner – 1st Place, Animals Category

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

February 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Breathing Life into Los Angeles' Forgotten River

Join writer and Los Angeles River guide Jenny Price to discover the location and history of the country's most famous forgotten River and the importance of ongoing revitalization projects. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs SMMC/MRCA

WED 2/16 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Plein Air Landscaping Painting All levels of landscape artists are welcome to join in creating art. Bring your materials and participate or just observe. Call Pat; 805-583-8044. 3hrs TOPAW

FRI 2/18 5pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike to the summit of Hastain Trail for some of the best views in Los Angeles. Park gates close promptly at 7:15pm. All ages welcome. 2hrs MRCA

FRI 2/18 5:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 2/19 8:30am

Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Chaparral Chatter Explore the coming together of winter and spring as early wildflowers burst into bloom. Bring water, hat, and snack; boots recommended. Reservations Required 818-881-3706. 3hrs CNPS

Can you see me now? Good!
by David McMartin



SAT 2/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal Help remove invasive Spanish Broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required. Contact Jerry: 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/19 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Lost Oak Woodland Restoration Join volunteers to plant and care for trees. Receive training to become a volunteer supervisor. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 2/19 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Park
Malibu Lagoon Bird Hike Visit beach, lagoon, marsh, riparian, and urban habitats on this level, 3-mile outing. Suitable for beginners and advanced birders. Bring sturdy shoes/sandals, hat, and snack/water. Bring binoculars if you have them. Rain cancels. 3hrs CWC

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LECTURE SERIES



Encounters with Wildlife

Saturday, February 19

NPS Visitor Center
2pm-3:30pm

Greg Randall, wildlife specialist with the City of Los Angeles Animal Services, shares tips and techniques in co-existing with our wildlife neighbors.

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 2/20 8am

Headwaters Corner
Great Backyard Bird Count Beginners and experts are invited to join the count. Our information is sent to Cornell University where population trends help promote conservation efforts. Bring binoculars (we have a few to lend). Refreshments. Pre-register with Susan: 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

SUN 2/20 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to work site. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 2/20 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Bob. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 2/20 9am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Morning Summit Hike Explore the natural surroundings and vistas of the canyon with naturalist Sheila on a fast-paced, moderate to difficult hike including a trek to the summit of the Hastain Trail. Bring water. 2.5hrs MRCA

Cattail, *Typha latifolia*
by Adriana Barrera

SUN 2/20 9:30am

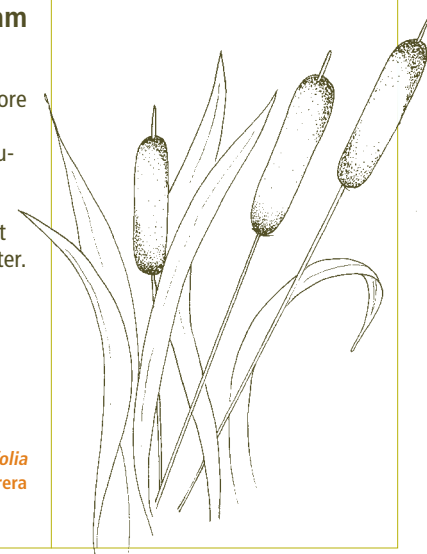
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Get ready for the upcoming Academy Awards by finding out about some of the past film nominees that were filmed at Paramount Ranch. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and how illusions and hard work turn this dusty set into a realistic town. 1hr NPS

SUN 2/20 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 2/20 10am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Winter Walk-about Breathe deeply the pungent sweet air as you explore an oak wooded corridor edged by a perennial stream. Meander along a chaparral trail to discover how nature responds in cold wet winter weather. 2.5hrs CCD



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

For current program information at Leo Carrillo and Point Mugu State Parks, please visit:

www.malibuinterp.com



Free Cultural Program

Sunday, February 20
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Make a dreamcatcher or a prayer stick with Wichita tribal artist **Michael Williams!** All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Tuesdays at 9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's. Learn about Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports teams).

Reservations required:
310-456-8432
or 310-317-8379

SUN 2/20 1pm
Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toyons festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

TUE 2/22 8:30am
Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Hike to Century Lake Take a 6.5-mile, 500' gain hike to Rock Pool and Century Lake. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3.5hrs SC

TUE 2/22 7pm
Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

THU 2/24 8:30am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Thursday Hikers Hike 8 miles, 1400' gain on a scenic trail through the canyon, then on a fire road with mountain and ocean views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 2/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/26 1pm
Paramount Ranch
Creek Critters Wade with a ranger to discover insects and other animals living in Medea Creek. Learn what they can tell us about the creek's health. Meet in the Pavilion at Western Town before taking a short walk to the creek for a fun and educational hands-on (and feet-in) activity! Reservations required: 805-370-2348 x204. 2hrs NPS

SUN 2/27 8:30am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Rambling Raptors Wide open views and tall perches give good looks at kites, harriers, and falcons. What are they looking for? Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 2/27 10am
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of the many native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 2/27 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Learn about the wildlife, early inhabitants, and film history on this walk by the creek. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 2/27 10am
Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble around a coastal park with views of spring wildflowers, lapping waves, a sandy beach, and (hopefully) migrating whales and sea lions. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 2/27 1pm
Topanga State Park
Winter Adventure Walk Beat the winter blues. Look for wintering birds, animal tracks, and toyons festooned with bright berries. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/27 1pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Create a Beautiful Garden Using Kitchen Scraps! Naturalist Norma will demonstrate how to use worms and food scraps to enrich the soil to create a healthy, and earth friendly garden. Meet in front of park office. 1–1.5hrs MRCA

Gray Whale, *Eschrichtius robustus*
by Ralph Lee Hopkins
National Geographic Stock





FRI 3/4 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Night Sky Viewing Enjoy a view of the Milky Way and spring constellations. Led by amateur astronomy enthusiasts. Telescopes will be available but feel free to bring your own! Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Clouds and rain cancel. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 3/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/5 9am
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Bob. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 3/5 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

Winter Oak by Nancy Lehrer
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
 2010 Winner, 4th Place – Tie,
Scenic Shots Category

SAT 3/5 9:30am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Canyon Splendor Take a 3.5-mile hike to a waterfall in upper Sycamore Canyon. See how much water is flowing after the winter rains. Meet in main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SAT 3/5 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic Franklin Canyon is an active filming location for movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 3/5 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful and interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches, leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 3/6 8am
Topanga State Park
Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 3/6 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Join other volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 3/6 9am
Point Mugu State Park
Big Sycamore to Serrano Canyon This 9-mile, moderate+ 1100' gain hike explores some of the most scenic parts of the park. Bring 2 qts water and lunch. Rain cancels. 6hrs CWC

SUN 3/6 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 3/6 9:30am
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 3/6 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3–8 accompanied by an adult join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 3/6 10am
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize many native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 3/6 1pm
Topanga State Park
Early Spring Adventure Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

TUE 3/8 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Easy-pace Hikers Hike 4-miles, 300' gain over Grasslands Trail to Rock Pool, and Century Lake, and many movie sites. Meet at Malibu Cyn and Mulholland Hwy, southwest corner. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 2.5hrs SC



THU 3/10 8am
Santa Monica Mountains
Thursday Hikers Hike 8 miles, 1000' gain on the less-familiar Liberty Canyon, Phantom, and Grassland Trails. Meet at Grassland Trailhead on Mulholland Hwy (1,000 ft west of Las Virgenes Rd). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 3/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
 For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservations required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
 For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour.
 FEE Required.

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, March 6
 10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Chief Ted Garcia of the southern Chumash clan shares his heritage through artwork and traditional stories. Learn about his influences and sandstone carving technique. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 3/12 8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve
Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day Help plant, weed, and water. Bring snack, water, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 3/12 9:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Paint-Out Join artists of all medias and levels in capturing the coastal vistas of Santa Monica Bay or Westward and Zuma Beaches. PCH to Westward Beach Rd. Meet at Westward Beach at far end of parking lot. Look for red flag. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LECTURE SERIES



GPS 101

Saturday, March 12
 NPS Visitor Center
 2pm - 3pm

Park ranger **Mike Theune** teaches about GPS technology and how to use it in the park. Bring your own GPS if possible.

GPS 102 (see pg. 28) will cover the field portion of the class. With location to be announced during GPS 101.

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 3/12 9:30am
Headwater Corners
Youth Naturalist Program: Native American Culture Ages 8–12, discover on the trail which plants and animals were used for food, clothing, tools, toys, medicine, etc. Participate in a Native American craft and hands-on activities. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

SAT 3/12 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a nature photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 3/13 8am
King Gillette Ranch
Birdsong Hear the many songs of spring on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Meet at native plant garden. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 3/13 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War is Habitat Restoration Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes. Tools and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

SUN 3/13 1pm
Topanga State Park
Early Spring Adventure Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

SUN 3/13 2pm
Franklin Canyon
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Capture A Nature Moment Join naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, to learn the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 3/15 8:30am
Cold Creek Preserve
Lower Stunt High Trailhead Easy-pace Hikers Hike 6-miles, 1000' gain through riparian canyons, chaparral, sandstone outcroppings, a creek, and grotto. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 2.5hrs SC

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

March 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

The San Andreas Fault

Dr. David Lynch will help us understand the origin, mechanics, and impact of the San Andreas Fault on California. He'll talk about the possibility of "The Big One," the risks it poses, and what you can do to prepare for a large earthquake. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs SMMC/MRCA

THU 3/17 8am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Wendy Trailhead
Thursday Hikers Hike 9.5 miles, 1000' gain past an old windmill and on the Upper Sycamore Canyon, Hidden Pond and Sin Nombre trails. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 805-419-4094. 5hrs SC

THU 3/17 7pm
Franklin Canyon
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr Nachochan Gathering We're back for another year of programs! "Nachochan" in Tongva means "My eyes see your eyes. My hands are open." We open our hands to you. Join us for hands-on learning, crafts, and guest speakers. It's optional to bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

Saturday, March 19
Sunday, March 20
Headwaters Corner
 8am–5pm*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

Pre-registration & appointment required:
 www.mountainstrust.org
 818-591-1701 x206

*30 minute program per dog



SAT 3/19 8:30am
Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead
Chaparral Chatter Take a spring equinox hike up the canyon. View the city and mountains while stopping for wildflowers, insects, animal tracks, and scat. Bring hat, water, and snack; boots recommended. RSVP 818-881-3706. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 3/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal Help remove invasive Spanish Broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required; rain cancels. Contact Jerry for info: 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/19 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Lost Oak Woodland Restoration Join volunteers to plant and care for trees. Receive training to become a volunteer supervisor. Bring water and snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



SAT 3/19 TBA
Santa Monica Mountains
GPS 102 Join park ranger Mike Theune to practice what was learned in GPS 101. Location & time to be announced during GPS 101. Interested in only the 102 program? Send an email to mike_theune@nps.gov. NPS

SAT 3/19 5pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 3/19 5:15pm
Circle X Ranch - Sandstone Peak Trailhead
Mountain Top Views Join a 3-mile strenuous roundtrip hike to the highest peak in the Santa Monica Mountains and watch the sun set over the ocean. Bring a light meal and water for dinner at the top. 2.75hrs NPS

SAT 3/19 6pm
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Spring Equinox Hike Join naturalist Michael on a moderate hike to learn about seasonal changes, our closest planets, and the constellations. Meet at ranch parking lot. 2.5hrs MRCA

SUN 3/20 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to work site. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 3/20 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Join naturalist Bob as he guides us with his many years of Franklin Canyon observations. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 3/20 9am
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Morning Summit Hike Explore the vistas of the canyon with naturalist Sheila on a moderate to difficult hike including a trek to the summit of Hastain Trail. Bring water. 2.5hrs MRCA

SUN 3/20 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Spring Equinox Easy-paced amble through streamside and wooded canyon. Enjoy the surprising lushness of a pristine chaparral canyon landscape. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 3/20 10am
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize native plants. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 3/20 1pm
Topanga State Park
Early Spring Adventure Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, March 20
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Kumeyaay ethnobotanist Richard Bugbee presents a workshop on native uses for plants. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 3/20 6:30pm
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike to the summit of Hastain Trail for some of the best views in Los Angeles. All ages welcome! Meet at lower parking lot restrooms. Park gates close promptly at 8:45pm. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 3/22 7pm
Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

THU 3/24 8am
Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Thursday Hikers Hike 10 miles to Shepherds' Flat over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

SAT 3/26 8am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Early Morning Birds Spring is just around the corner with migratory birds already on their way north, creating a traveling feast for the eyes. Join naturalist Paul to discover the permanent and migratory residents of Franklin Canyon. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 3/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 3/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 3/26 9:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Escondido Beach to Pt. Dume Low-tide Walk Take a 6.5-mile walk along the shoreline with a break at Pt. Dume whale-watching lookout. Bring water, lunch, hat, and extra socks or water sandals. Meet at the Coastal Access sign where Escondido Creek crosses PCH (3.7 miles west of Malibu Canyon Rd or 2.1 miles east of Kanan-Dume Rd). Park on highway shoulder. Rain cancels. 4hrs CWC

SAT 3/26 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek On this walk by the creek, learn about the wildlife, early inhabitants, and film history of this site. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 3/26 10am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Let's Move Outside Kids, get physically active in the great outdoors with a park ranger. The activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course. A prize will be awarded! Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 3/27 9:30am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Wildflower Secrets Join a park ranger on an easy-paced walk to see what's blooming. Discover the reasons flowers are the shapes and colors they are. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

SUN 3/27 10am
Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble around a coastal park with views of spring wildflowers, lapping waves, a sandy beach, and (hopefully) migrating whales and sea lions. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 3/27 1pm
Topanga State Park
Early Spring Adventure Walk Join a docent naturalist in viewing emerging wildflowers and other signs of spring. 2hrs TCD

SUN 3/27 1pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Buggy Basics Ages 6 and up, search the trails and woods for insects while learning some fun identification skills. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

TUE 3/29 8:30am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers Hike 5-miles, 800' gain on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

THU 3/31 8am
Solstice Canyon
Thursday Hikers Hike 8-miles roundtrip, 1600' gain on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace and then Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, and down Solstice Canyon. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

Hiking & Safety Tips



In Flight by Nancy Lehrer, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2010
Winner – 4th Place Tie, *A Moment in Time* Category

TICKS

Ticks are plentiful and some may carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES

These snakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In the event of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

FOOTWEAR

Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

POISON OAK

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

NEVER HIKE ALONE

Use the buddy system. That allows someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE

Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas.
Do not build fires on the ground.

KEEP HYDRATED

Carry and drink plenty of water. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

NOTE

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

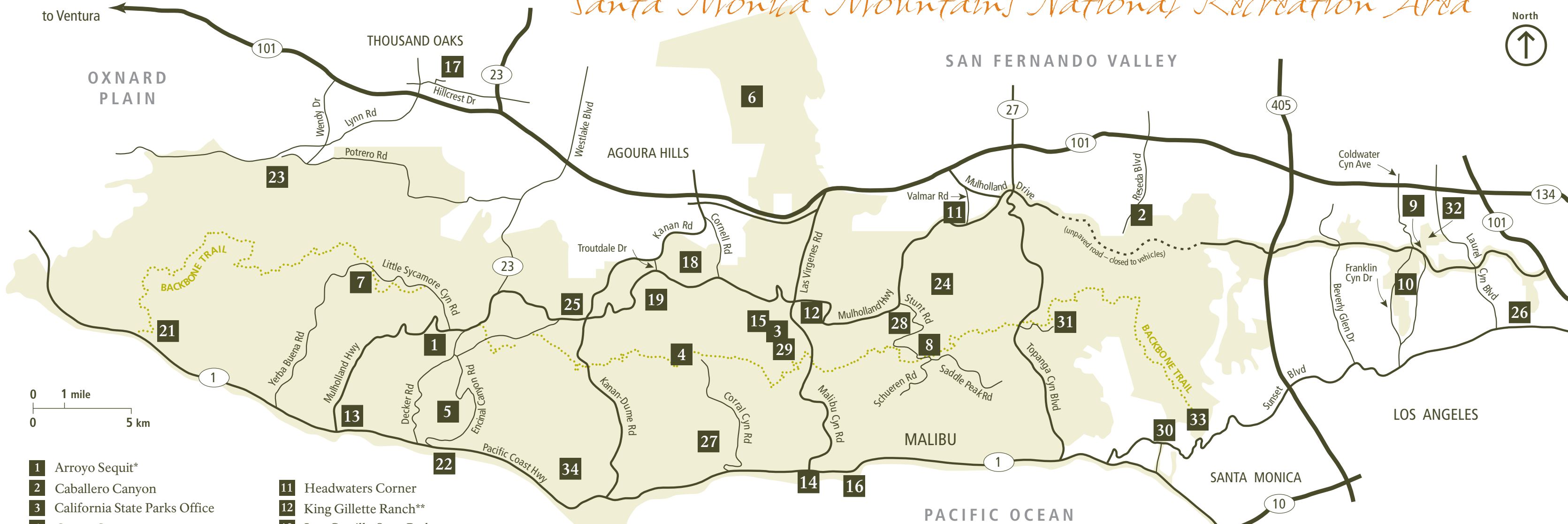
Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)
- 11 **Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 **King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 **Leo Carrillo State Park Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 **Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 **Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 ***National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 ***Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 ***Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 **Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 **Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 **R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Matador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.
La Piedra State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Pescador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

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- 23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.
Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.
- 24 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.
- 25 *Rocky Oaks** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.
- 26 Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.
- 27 *Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.
- Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center** See #23.
- Sooky Goldman Nature Center** See #10.
- 28 Stunt Ranch Reserve** See #8.
- 29 Tapia Park** See #15.
- 30 Temescal Gateway Park** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

- 31 Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.
Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.
Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.
- 32 Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
- 33 Will Rogers State Historic Park** 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.
- 34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons**
Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.
Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.
Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



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